

CRIME SUPPRESSION SECTION

Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program

Program Description

This program is based on creating a replica of the original Tulare County Rural Crime Prevention Demonstration Project. As such, each county has the overall discretion to tailor their specific program to resolve local rural and agricultural crime needs. The overall goal is to strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies in rural areas to detect and monitor agricultural and rural-based crimes. Program funding is contingent upon the execution of an agreement to actively participate on a regional task force and develop a County Rural Crime Prevention Program. The regional task force will be comprised of representatives from the District Attorney; Sheriff's Office; Agricultural Commissioner, and interested property owner groups and associations from each participating county. Program control authority has been conferred to each respective county district attorney's office and the Monterey County Sheriff's office, as indicated in statute.

Eligibility

By statute, the counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz are eligible to receive these funds.

Authorized By

Senate Bill 44 (Chapter 18, Statutes of 2003) provided for this program.

Fund Source and Amount

State General Fund - \$720,000

Grant Award Period

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

Non-competitive July 1, 2009

Additional Program Information

The task force is an interactive team working together to develop crime prevention, problem solving, and crime control techniques to encourage timely reporting of crimes, and to evaluate the results. As such, the task force may choose to operate as a multi-jurisdictional task force; develop rural crime prevention programs containing a system for reporting agricultural crimes that enables the swift recovery of stolen goods and the apprehension of criminal suspects for prosecution; develop a uniform procedure for all participating counties to collect data on agricultural crimes; conduct joint operations in order to facilitate investigative coordination; and consult with experts from the United States Military, the California Military Department, the Department of Justice, other law enforcement entities, and various other state and private organizations as deemed necessary to maximize the effectiveness of the task force.

Each of the counties may develop and implement, within its respective jurisdiction, the CCRCP Program consistent with the statute and in response to certain unique, but significant, problems encountered in rural and agricultural locations. The county district attorney and the county sheriff's offices will administer this program jointly, under a joint powers agreement. It is incumbent upon all participants to adhere to this requirement, which is found in Chapter 5, commencing with Section 6500 of Division 7 of Title I of the Government Code.

Where Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Crime Suppression Section of the Crime and Gangs Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-5664.